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SUBJECT: SITREP AS OF 1800 HOURS, AUGUST 21

PANMUNJOM INCIDENT

AFTERMATH OF TREE FELLING OPERATION --

THE SITUATION IN KOREA FOLLOWING THE TREE FELLING OPERATION REMAINS CALM. THE KOREAN CIA IS REPORTING THAT MOST SOUTH KOREANS ARE SATISFIED WITH THE SUCCESS OF THE OPERATION AND HOPE THAT THIS WILL CONCLUDE THE INCIDENT. IT FINDS ALSO THAT THE OPERATION IS CONSIDERED A SUBTLE WARNING THAT THE UNC WILL RESPOND IN KIND TO ANY FURTHER NORTH KOREAN MOVE.

AUGMENTATION OF U.S. FORCES IN KOREA AND THE WAR POWERS RESOLUTION --

DEPUTY LEGAL ADVISER GEORGE ALDRICH INFORMS US HE HAS CONCLUDED THAT THE WAR POWERS RESOLUTION DOES NOT REQUIRE A WAR POWERS REPORT TO THE CONGRESS ON THE AUGMENTATION OF  
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U.S. FORCES IN KOREA. ALDRICH BELIEVES IT WOULD BE AN UN-

DESIRABLE PRECEDENT TO CONSTRUE THE RESOLUTION, WHICH IS PRIMARILY CONCERNED WITH NUMBERS OF PERSONNEL AND NOT EQUIPMENT, AS REQUIRING A REPORT WHERE A RELATIVELY SMALL NUMBER

OF PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN ADDED TO AN EXISTING FORCE. DEFENSE IS BEING NOTIFIED OF THIS VIEW. THE 48-HOUR DEADLINE FOR SUCH A REPORT, IF IT WERE REQUIRED, EXPIRES AT 0455 EDT, AUGUST 22.

NORTH KOREAN INVOLVED IN HIT AND RUN CASE --

NEW YORK POLICE HAVE REPORTED TO USUN THAT A MEMBER OF THE NORTH KOREAN OBSERVER MISSION TO THE UN WAS THE DRIVER OF A CAR THAT STRUCK AND SLIGHTLY INJURED A BICYCLIST IN NEW YORK CITY. THE NORTH KOREAN FLED THE SCENE OF THE ACCIDENT. THE NEW YORK POLICE, AT USUN'S URGING, ARE ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE WITNESSES WHO MAY BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY THE DRIVER OF THE CAR. THE MISSION HAS NOT COOPERATED WITH NEW YORK POLICE IN THE PAST. WE MAY WISH TO CONSIDER DECLARING THE MISSION MEMBER PERSONA NON GRATA.

MEDIA REACTION --

-- DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN BROWN WAS TOLD BY DOD THAT NEWSWEEK IS UNDERTAKING EXTENSIVE INTERVIEWING IN KOREA AND PLANS A MAJOR STORY ON THE TREE FELLING FOR ITS EDITION TO APPEAR AUGUST 23.

-- THE ASSOCIATED PRESS HAS FILED EXTENSIVE COVERAGE OF THE TREE FELLING OPERATION.

-- A REUTER'S REPORT FROM JAPAN QUOTES THE NORTH KOREAN CENTRAL NEWS AGENCY OF ACCUSING THE U.S. OF PROVOCATION BY SENDING A HELICOPTER INTO NORTH KOREAN AIRSPACE ALONG THE DMZ. THIS APPARENTLY REFERS TO THE HELICOPTER WHICH WAS FIRED UPON DURING THE TREE FELLING OPERATION AS IT FLEW ALONG THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE JSA.

-- KCNA HAS ALSO STATED THAT THE MOVEMENT OF THE MIDWAY AND THE OTHER DEPLOYMENTS CLEARLY SHOWS THAT THE "PROVOCATION" SECRET

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IN THE JSA WAS "A CAREFULLY PREARRANGED AND DELIBERATE ONE AIMED AT FINDING A PRETEXT TO UNLEASH ANOTHER WAR." THE KCNA ALSO DENOUNCED THE SECRETARY'S MENTION OF REPARATIONS AS AN ATTEMPT TO SHIFT RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS PROVOCATION.

-- THE LONDON TIMES SUGGESTS THAT THE PANMUNJOM INCIDENT WAS VIOLENCE IN LINE WITH "NORTH KOREA'S WISH TO DRAW ATTENTION TO THE SURVIVAL OF THIS TENSE BOUNDARY AND THAT

KIM IL-SONG MAY HAVE HOPED TO INFLUENCE EITHER THE ANTI-  
IMPERIALIST SENTIMENTS OF THE NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE IN  
COLOMBO OR THE AMERICAN POLITICAL SCENE." ROGERS

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